

REMARKS

Applicant earlier argued that the prior art did not show the feature of prompting a user (i.e., a mobile sender) to sequentially collect data by manual data entry and by automatic data entry. The Examiner's reliance on U.S. Patent No. 5,672,860 to Miller to teach this feature should be reconsidered since Miller discloses no prompting or sequential data collection whatsoever.

At best, Miller teaches a touch screen display 12 and two rows 11A, 11B of data entry keys at opposite sides of the display. This is merely a display integrated with a keyboard. A user is not prompted which key to depress, nor is the user prompted to depress the keys in any desired sequence.

By contrast, applicant's invention enables the user to specify a profile or graphical user interface (block 501 in Fig. 5). One such specified interface is depicted in Fig. 6 wherein a sequence of prompting fields (Destination, Action, Time, Reply By, etc.) are located at the left side of the interface, and a sequence of data entry fields (John Smith/Mary Jones, Alert, Now, Jan. 1, 2002; Noon, etc.) are located at the right side of the interface.

In accordance with this invention, the mobile sender is prompted by the prompting fields to sequentially collect data. This is not suggested by Miller, nor by any other applied reference. Main claim 21 has been amended to emphasize this feature with greater particularity.

Wherefore, a favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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